

National Center for Health Statistics

Daily Updates of Totals by Week and State

Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Note: Provisional death counts are based on death certificate data received and coded by the National Center for Health Statistics as of September 30, 2020. Death counts are delayed and may differ from other published sources (see Technical Notes). Counts will be updated periodically. Additional information will be added to this site as available.

The provisional counts for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) deaths are based on a current flow of mortality data in the National Vital Statistics System. National provisional counts include deaths occurring within the 50 states and the District of Columbia that have been received and coded as of the date specified. It is important to note that it can take several weeks for death records to be submitted to National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), processed, coded, and tabulated. Therefore, the data shown on this page may be incomplete, and will likely not include all deaths that occurred during a given time period, especially for the more recent time periods. Death counts for earlier weeks are continually revised and may increase or decrease as new and updated death certificate data are received from the states by NCHS. COVID-19 death counts shown here may differ from other published sources, as data currently are lagged by an average of 1–2 weeks.

The provisional data presented on this page include the weekly provisional count of deaths in the United States due to COVID-19, deaths from all causes and percent of expected deaths (i.e., number of deaths received over number of deaths expected based on data from previous years), pneumonia deaths (excluding pneumonia deaths involving influenza), pneumonia deaths involving COVID-19, influenza deaths, and deaths involving pneumonia, influenza, or COVID-19; (a) by week ending date and (b) by specific jurisdictions.

For the Index of Provisional COVID-19 Mortality Surveillance and Ad-hoc Data Files, click here.

Table 1 has counts of death involving COVID-19 and select causes of death by the week ending date in which the death occurred. For deaths involving COVID-19 by week ending date at the state level, Click here to download.

➤ Table 1. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by week ending date, United States. Week ending 2/1/2020 to 9/26/2020.*

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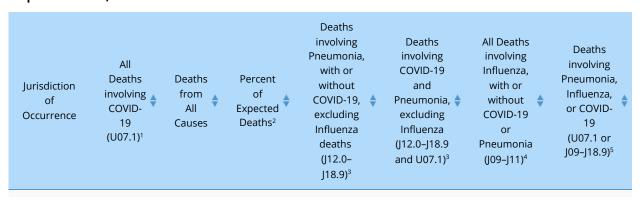
Week ending date in which the death occurred	All Deaths involving COVID- 19 (U07.1) ¹	Deaths from All Causes	Percent of Expected Deaths ²	Deaths involving Pneumonia, with or without COVID-19, excluding Influenza deaths (J12.0- J18.9) ³	Deaths involving COVID-19 and Pneumonia, excluding Influenza (U07.1 and J12.0- J18.9) ³	All Deaths involving Influenza, with or without COVID-19 or ₱ Pneumonia (J09–J11), includes COVID-19 or Pneumonia⁴	Deaths involving Pneumonia, Influenza, or COVID-19 (U07.1 or J09–J18.9) ⁵
Total Deaths	194,091	2,087,504	111	197,973	87,714	6,705	310,055
2/1/2020	0	58,587	99	3,797	0	479	4,276
2/8/2020	1	59,303	99	3,798	0	521	4,320
2/15/2020	0	58,713	100	3,830	0	559	4,389
2/22/2020	5	58,749	101	3,699	1	565	4,268
2/29/2020	9	59,181	103	3,823	5	654	4,481
3/7/2020	35	59,583	103	3,961	17	632	4,610
3/14/2020	53	58,550	103	3,962	28	625	4,611
3/21/2020	571	59,100	104	4,537	252	559	5,408
3/28/2020	3,152	62,889	113	6,167	1,424	442	8,287
4/4/2020	10,017	72,141	129	9,906	4,755	478	15,411
4/11/2020	16,176	78,902	142	11,982	7,222	474	21,070
4/18/2020	17,055	76,560	142	11,380	7,300	266	21,212
4/25/2020	15,425	73,651	137	10,355	6,594	144	19,233
5/2/2020	13,138	69,057	129	8,926	5,508	65	16,601
5/9/2020	11,162	66,634	126	7,819	4,703	47	14,315
5/16/2020	9,157	64,281	123	6,752	3,768	21	12,159
5/23/2020	7,156	61,381	118	5,861	2,955	24	10,081
5/30/2020	6,105	59,415	115	5,252	2,474	12	8,895
6/6/2020	4,983	58,614	112	4,866	2,134	11	7,726
6/13/2020	4,187	57,724	111	4,513	1,854	11	6,854

6/20/2020	3,795	57,613	111	4,338	1,593	7	6,546
6/27/2020	3,767	58,092	113	4,222	1,543	11	6,456
7/4/2020	4,448	59,301	114	4,506	1,975	4	6,980
7/11/2020	5,654	61,184	119	5,463	2,679	9	8,447
7/18/2020	7,026	62,107	122	6,080	3,397	12	9,718
7/25/2020	7,995	62,574	124	6,588	3,878	10	10,710
8/1/2020	8,007	61,740	121	6,584	3,932	13	10,665
8/8/2020	7,512	61,795	121	6,549	3,818	9	10,249
8/15/2020	6,854	60,819	120	6,191	3,502	5	9,545
8/22/2020	5,849	58,092	115	5,536	2,973	10	8,419
8/29/2020	5,106	55,288	108	4,982	2,597	11	7,497
9/5/2020	4,162	52,108	101	4,435	2,109	7	6,492
9/12/2020	3,312	48,073	93	3,789	1,643	6	5,462
9/19/2020	1,902	38,746	74	2,628	919	2	3,613
9/26/2020	315	16,957	32	896	162	0	1,049

NOTE: Number of deaths reported in this table are the total number of deaths received and coded as of the date of analysis and do not represent all deaths that occurred in that period. Counts of deaths occurring before or after the reporting period are not included in the table. The United States population, based on 2018 postcensal estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, is 327,167,434.

➤ Table 2. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by jurisdiction of occurrence, United States. Week ending 2/1/2020 to 9/26/2020.*

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^{*}Data during this period are incomplete because of the lag in time between when the death occurred and when the death certificate is completed, submitted to NCHS and processed for reporting purposes. This delay can range from 1 week to 8 weeks or more, depending on the jurisdiction and cause of death.

¹Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, coded to ICD-10 code U07.1

²Percent of expected deaths is the number of deaths for all causes for this week in 2020 compared to the average number across the same week in 2017–2019. Previous analyses of 2015–2016 provisional data completeness have found that completeness is lower in the first few weeks following the date of death (<25%), and then increases over time such that data are generally at least 75% complete within 8 weeks of when the death occurred (8).

³Counts of deaths involving pneumonia include pneumonia deaths that also involve COVID-19 and exclude pneumonia deaths involving influenza.

⁴Counts of deaths involving influenza include deaths with pneumonia or COVID-19 also listed as a cause of death.

⁵Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, pneumonia, or influenza, coded to ICD-10 codes U07.1 or J09-J18.9.

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United States ⁶	194,091	2,087,504	111	197,973	87,714	6,705	310,055
Alabama	3,272	38,624	111	2,998	1,070	100	5,295
Alaska	42	2,763	96	126	24	-	150
Arizona	4,992	49,323	124	5,278	2,847	115	7,538
Arkansas	1,173	22,774	108	1,832	518	77	2,563
California	14,982	196,622	111	20,160	8,394	580	27,326
Colorado	1,960	29,402	113	2,371	1,002	95	3,419
Connecticut	4,410	22,253	107	1,896	958	72	5,417
Delaware	563	6,660	109	488	220	16	847
District of Columbia	756	4,805	119	978	721	-	1,022
Florida	14,351	158,335	114	16,214	7,701	334	23,174
Georgia	5,911	62,742	112	5,595	2,745	114	8,873
Hawaii	150	7,754	100	486	65	20	591
Idaho	471	10,111	107	563	175	25	884
Illinois	7,791	80,724	115	8,073	3,803	179	12,237
Indiana	3,569	47,229	108	4,334	1,507	133	6,525
lowa	1,308	20,926	105	1,484	396	84	2,480
Kansas	709	18,232	105	1,219	284	89	1,733
Kentucky	1,205	32,181	101	2,910	563	101	3,650
Louisiana	4,768	34,967	116	3,651	2,325	74	6,162
Maine	159	10,046	104	632	36	31	786
Maryland	4,232	38,540	117	3,734	1,554	126	6,522
Massachusetts	8,062	46,009	117	5,405	2,871	164	10,752
Michigan	6,209	72,539	113	6,635	3,019	242	10,062
Minnesota	1,975	31,509	107	2,237	559	122	3,774
Mississippi	2,767	24,517	118	2,966	1,424	57	4,362
Missouri	2,014	43,999	103	2,830	722	180	4,302
Montana	142	6,808	100	346	52	34	470
Nebraska	481	11,420	102	837	184	28	1,162
Nevada	1,446	19,042	111	2,135	1,097	41	2,525
New Hampshire	418	8,702	106	520	114	30	853
New Jersey	14,297	65,420	133	10,067	6,903	122	17,569
New Mexico	793	13,144	107	987	353	29	1,456
New York ⁷	11,629	79,378	120	10,734	5,597	211	16,958

New York City	20,737	61,971	174	11,211	7,964	967	24,119
North Carolina	2,409	54,044	86	3,870	939	230	5,568
North Dakota	210	4,613	98	395	76	20	549
Ohio	4,254	83,529	102	5,521	1,818	263	8,219
Oklahoma	1,070	26,119	100	2,339	412	112	3,102
Oregon	511	24,419	101	1,154	167	65	1,562
Pennsylvania	8,295	95,412	107	7,212	2,953	253	12,803
Rhode Island	1,054	7,361	106	706	401	25	1,384
South Carolina	3,137	38,150	117	3,201	1,333	102	5,103
South Dakota	234	5,340	98	428	104	27	585
Tennessee	2,202	52,899	107	4,351	1,046	134	5,640
Texas	15,950	155,322	116	16,866	8,110	364	25,057
Utah	458	13,676	108	785	163	40	1,120
Vermont	59	3,980	105	189	14	16	250
Virginia	3,091	49,625	110	3,103	1,106	115	5,201
Washington	1,859	40,000	106	2,941	945	114	3,964
West Virginia	254	13,123	88	942	82	59	1,173
Wisconsin	1,262	37,180	106	1,846	264	150	2,992
Wyoming	38	3,241	108	192	14	-	225
Puerto Rico	557	17,947	91	2,296	344	68	2,574

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 $^{^6}$ United States death count includes the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and New York City.

⁷Excludes New York City.

Understanding the Numbers: Provisional Death Counts and COVID-19

Provisional death counts deliver the most complete and accurate picture of lives lost to COVID-19. They are based on death certificates, which are the most reliable source of data and contain information not available anywhere else, including comorbid conditions, race and ethnicity, and place of death.

How it Works

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) uses incoming data from death certificates to produce provisional COVID-19 death counts. These include deaths occurring within the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

NCHS also provides summaries that examine deaths in specific categories and in greater geographic detail, such as deaths by county and by race and Hispanic origin.

COVID-19 deaths are identified using a new ICD-10 code. When COVID-19 is reported as a cause of death – or when it is listed as a "probable" or "presumed" cause — the death is coded as **U07.1**. This can include cases with or without laboratory confirmation.

Why These Numbers are Different

Provisional death counts may not match counts from other sources, such as media reports or numbers from county health departments. Counts by NCHS often track 1–2 weeks behind other data.

- **Death certificates take time to be completed.** There are many steps to filling out and submitting a death certificate. Waiting for test results can create additional delays.
- States report at different rates. Currently, 63% of all U.S. deaths are reported within 10 days of the date of death, but there is significant variation between states.
- It takes extra time to code COVID-19 deaths. While 80% of deaths are electronically processed and coded by NCHS within minutes, most deaths from COVID-19 must be coded by a person, which takes an average of 7 days.
- Other reporting systems use different definitions or methods for counting deaths.

Things to know about the data

Provisional counts are not final and are subject to change. Counts from previous weeks are continually revised as more records are received and processed.

Provisional data are not yet complete. Counts will not include all deaths that occurred during a given time period, especially for more recent periods. However, we can estimate how complete our numbers are by looking at the average number of deaths reported in previous years.

Death counts should not be compared across states. Some states report deaths on a daily basis, while other states report deaths weekly or monthly. State vital record reporting may also be affected or delayed by COVID-19 related response activities.

For more detailed technical information, visit the Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Technical Notes page.